

# The Mary Riley Styles Public Library Annual Teen Poetry Contest

Two Categories: Grades 6 to 8 and Grades 9 to 12

Four Prizes will be awarded in each Category

## Entry Rules and Information:

1. Contest is open to all young people in Grade 6 through Grade 12.
2. All entries:
  - a. Must be no more than one typed page in length; Times New Roman or similar font, no smaller than size 10; one poem per page.
  - b. Must not contain any artwork or graphics.
  - c. Must be an original poem written by the person whose name appears on the back of the entry.
  - d. Must include name, e-mail address, phone number, grade, and age on back of entry.
3. Entries must be submitted to the Mary Riley Styles Public Library youth services department by 9:00pm on **Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**.
  - a. Entries may be submitted via hand delivery, regular mail, or e-mail. E-mailed entries should be sent as a Microsoft Word attachment to [jborchetta@fallschurchva.gov](mailto:jborchetta@fallschurchva.gov) (include contact information in body of email, not on attached entry).
4. There are no restrictions on style of poetry.
5. Teachers can submit classroom poetry (original poems only. Please do not submit poems in which a title or lines have been supplied). Students' permission must be obtained before entering their work.
6. Each participant is limited to submitting 5 poems and may only win one prize.
7. Participants must be residents of the City of Falls Church, City of Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, or City of Fairfax, or attend school in the City of Falls Church.
8. Winners will be notified via email the week of Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.
9. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Young Adult Librarian, Jessica Borchetta, via the e-mail listed above or by calling the Youth Services Desk 703-248-5034.

Prizes will be awarded on **Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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